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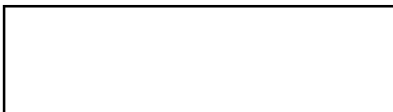
the following information on the Hvezdov (O 51/F 95) military penal camp (1) up to 24 December 1949 was obtained:

1. Superior Headquarters

Terezin (N 51/F 53) military post. The camp was frequently inspected by Gen Klapalek (2)

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3. Location

Village of Hvezdov, the civilian population of which had been evacuated.

4. Officers

CO: Staff Capt Karel Zizala, an engineer officer from Terezin military post, a communist Party member, a righteous man.

DOZ officer: Staff Capt Karel Smida, a steadfast communist.

5. Organization:

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CO: 1st Lt Karel guess

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CO: 2d Lt Hucik, a slovak

Both companies were organized into a type of construction battalion.

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6. Unlisted Personnel:

Czechs and Slovaks of the 1928 through 1928 classes, anti-communists.

7. Armament:

About 30 rifles; submachine guns without ammunition were issued for guard duty.

8. Motor vehicles:

A motor transport company with 40 trucks was stationed in the village of Plouznice (051/F 94). The company also belonged to the military penal camp. It consisted mostly of EM of the 21st Tank Brig who had been transferred for disciplinary reasons. 25X1

9. Training:

At first basic training and, since early November 1949, engineer drill and labor at the Kunr (0 51/F 94) airfield have alternated daily. The soldiers were also trained in laying mine fields.

A diagram of an AT mine used in the practices is attached (see Annex 2) (3).

10. Artillery Firing Practices

Regular artillery firing practices were held in the Okna (Broken - 0 51/G 04) - Olsina (Wolschen - 0 51-G 04) area. The Minon (0 51/F 95) - Okna road, leading via Hvezdov, was nearly every afternoon blocked to civilian traffic (4).

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(1) The Hvezdov military penal camp is known [] statements were supplemented by this report. 25X1

(2) It can be assumed with a high degree of certainty that the camp is directly subordinate to the 1st MD.

(3) The described type of mine may be the Soviet AT mine, model "TB-2".

(4) The mentioned area belongs to the Minon-Kurivody troop training grounds.

(5) (Annex 1)

The 1928 class is due for induction in October 1950 rather than in the spring of 1950.

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2 Annexes: (1) []
(2) Diagram of an AT mine used in the Hvezdov military penal camp

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